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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Strategic Plan for Early Deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems on Interstate 40 Corridor in Arizona is described in this report documenting the activities, findings and recommendations of the project. This final report is the result of a twelve month study that began in March 1996. The study was initiated and administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Fourteen separate, stand-alone Technical Memoranda (TM) were prepared and presented to ADOT and the I-40 Corridor ITS Coalition at strategic milestones during the course of the study. These TMs were revised based on ADOT and Coalition input and review and have been submitted to ADOT. A copy of the complete set of the I-40 ITS Strategic Planning technical memoranda is available from the Arizona DOT. This Final Report presents a summary of the findings and recommendations discussed in these fourteen technical memoranda and also includes additional relevant information describing developments which occurred after the technical memoranda were prepared.

The goals of this study were to develop a Strategic Plan for deployment of rural Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies along the I-40 corridor in northern Arizona and to create a long-term coalition of I-40 stakeholders, both in Arizona and from neighboring corridor states (California and New Mexico). One long-range goal is to expand the implementation of ITS technologies throughout the entire I-40 corridor from Barstow, California to Wilmington, North Carolina.

The 580-km segment of I-40 in Arizona was chosen as a test bed for deployment of rural ITS technologies due to its unique transportation characteristics, including high commercial and freight truck volumes, extreme variations in elevations and weather conditions throughout the corridor, and high volumes of out-of-state visitor traffic. These characteristics, combined with the limited availability of visitor and traveler information, and the need for improved emergency management services on the Interstate, create a unique opportunity to test the implementation of innovative transportation technologies. This strategic planning effort will result in a number of short-term test projects which will be deployed shortly after the completion of the study, and in medium and long-term recommendations for implementation of new technologies and transportation-related services along the corridor over the next 15 to 20 years.

1.1.0 BACKGROUND

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) signed by the U.S. Congress in December of 1991 called for improvements in surface transportation through technological advancements. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) subsequently launched the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program, involving research, strategic planning and operational tests of new technologies. These technologies promise to bring much needed operational improvements to the nation's transportation system, and provide a safer, more convenient, and more efficient trip experience for the traveling public. A total of \$659 million was authorized by ISTEA to achieve eight key goals of ITS. The National ITS Program goals are listed in **Table 1.1.0-1**.

The National ITS Program provides a common ground for cooperation among all sectors of the surface transportation community, including state and local governments, motor vehicle

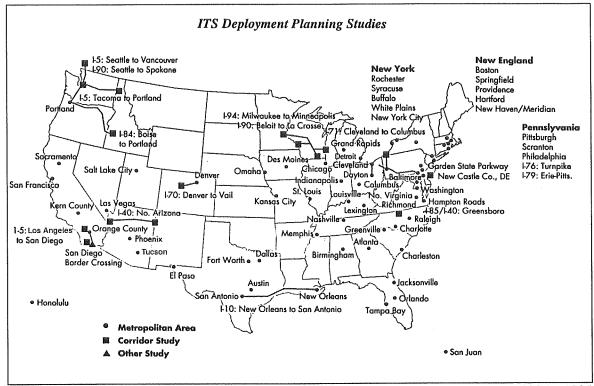
manufacturers, commercial vehicle operators (CVO), railroads, telecommunications and commuter technology companies, universities and other research organizations, consulting firms, and public interest groups. A number of operational tests of ITS technologies have been conducted throughout the country since 1991. These tests, such as the HELP/Crescent project in Arizona and other western states, MAYDAY tests in Colorado, and others, have helped bring state and local decision-makers a greater degree of understanding of the effectiveness of deployed ITS technologies.

In addition to these operational tests, many states have conducted or are in the process of conducting "early deployment" or strategic planning studies. This year, some 75 early deployment studies, including the *Strategic Plan for Early Deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems on Interstate 40 Corridor* are underway or have been completed as shown schematically on **Figure 1.1.0-1.**

Table 1.1.0-1 ITS Program Goals

- 1. Widespread implementation of intelligent vehicle-highway systems to enhance the capacity, efficiency and safety of the Federal-aid highway system, and to serve as an alternative to additional capacity of the Federal-aid highway system.
- 2. Enhance, though more efficient use of the Federal-aid highway system, the efforts of several states to attain air quality goals established pursuant to the Clean Air Act.
- 3. Enhance safe and efficient operation of the Nation's highway system, particularly system aspects that will increase safety. Identify system aspects that may degrade safety.
- 4. Develop and promote an intelligent transportation system (ITS), and an ITS industry in the United States.
- 5. Reduce social, economic, and environmental costs associated with traffic congestion.
- 6. Enhance U.S. industrial and economic competitiveness and productivity.
- 7. Develop a technology base for intelligent vehicle-highway systems and establish the capability to perform demonstration experiments, using existing national laboratory capabilities, where appropriate.
- 8. Facilitate the transfer of transportation technology from national laboratories to the private sector.

Source: Implementation of the National Intelligent Transportation System Program, 1994 - 1995 Report to Congress, USDOT, FHWA, ITS Joint Program Office, Washington, DC.



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Figure 1.1.0-1 ITS Early Deployment Planning Studies

1.2.0 DESCRIPTION OF I-40 STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY

The National ITS "Early Deployment" Planning Program provides much needed assistance to state transportation agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for the development of local or corridor-wide, long-term strategic deployment plans. This study was launched recognizing that ADOT's efforts to use the I-40 corridor is an excellent location for deployment of rural applications of ITS technologies. This strategic plan for the I-40 corridor in Arizona is a starting point of a multi-state coalition for deployment of ITS throughout the corridor, beginning with the states of Arizona, California, and New Mexico. Interstate 40, from Barstow, California to Wilmington, North Carolina is shown in its entirety in **Figure 1.2.0-1**.

In order to establish a strong technical and policy-oriented base of support for future ITS deployment in the I-40 Corridor, a large group of potential stakeholders was organized into the I-40 ITS Coalition. More detail on the Coalition can be found in Chapter 4.0.

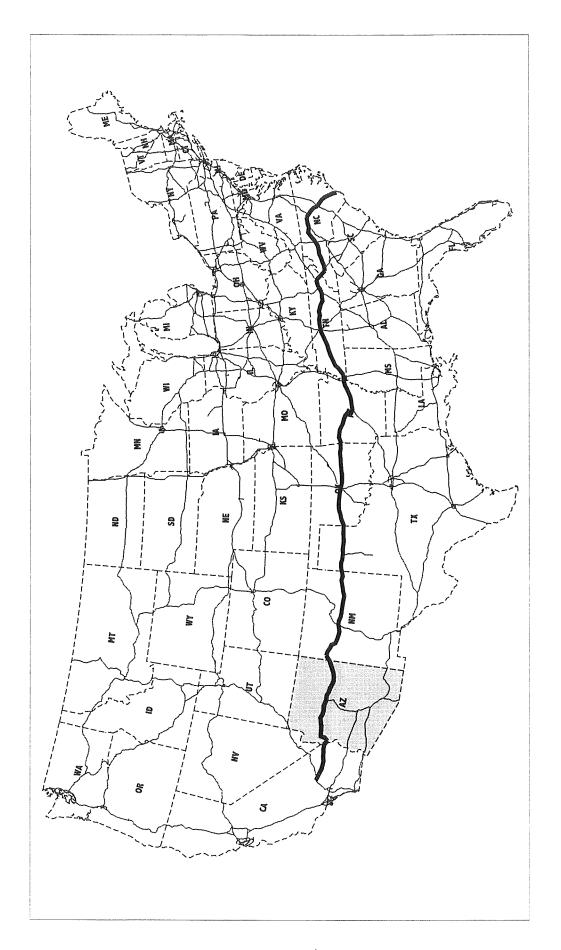


Figure 1.2.0-1 I-40 National Corridor

Membership in the Coalition continued to evolve during the project. It currently includes approximately 350 individuals representing dozens of public agencies and public sector firms from throughout northern Arizona, from statewide organizations based in Phoenix, and from adjoining states. The basic structure of the Coalition was as follows:

- **I-40 ITS Coalition:** approximately 350 individuals in an evolving database (receives briefings and provided input to the planning process through attendance at meetings, newsletters, focus groups, video presentations, etc.)
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): comprised of 14 representatives from the I-40 Coalition Stakeholders. This oversight committee is required for ADOT funded projects to provide technical review and guidance throughout the project. The committee included ADOT representatives and the Chair of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the Chair of the Early Action Committee (EAC) were added to the Technical Advisory Committee after the project started.
- **Project Steering Committee** consists of approximately 55 invited members from the Coalition. One subcommittee of the PSC was established:
 - Early Action Committee: to provide political support for ITS deployment projects in the corridor. This group primarily consists of mayors and local government managers from cities and towns along the corridor; however, membership is open to other interested parties.

Since the Coalition itself served as the "umbrella" for all advisory and action-oriented units that will deal with deployment of ITS technologies, it governed the Project Steering Committee and the two subcommittees of the PSC. There was some overlap between the members of the TAC and EAC.

The I-40 corridor in Arizona is shown in **Figure 1.2.0 -2**. The Strategic Plan will serve as a roadmap for implementing ITS technologies and programs along I-40. It also is an excellent summary of the overall transportation and travel-related communications needs that exist in the corridor. To ensure that the Strategic Plan developed through this project leads to rapid implementation, priority is being given to implementing the short-term recommendations of this study by ADOT, other state and regional agencies, local governments within the corridor study area, and private sector partners. Issues such as funding sources, staffing requirements, etc., are being addressed in an ongoing planning process by ADOT and the Coalition. Projects recommended in this study (Chapter 11) are already being evaluated with respect to their potential to be undertaken through the State's transportation funding process as well as through viable public-public or public-private partnerships. A Request for Partnership Proposal (RFPP), to be issued by ADOT in 1997, will seek to assess interest among potential private and public sector partners and their likely roles and contributions.

The Strategic Plan for I-40 identifies short-, medium- and long-term initiatives. One of the project goals is to carry out the necessary groundwork for launching short-term initiatives in early 1997. The National ITS Strategic Planning Process, depicted in **Figure 1.2.0-3**, is consistent with the methodology used in this study.

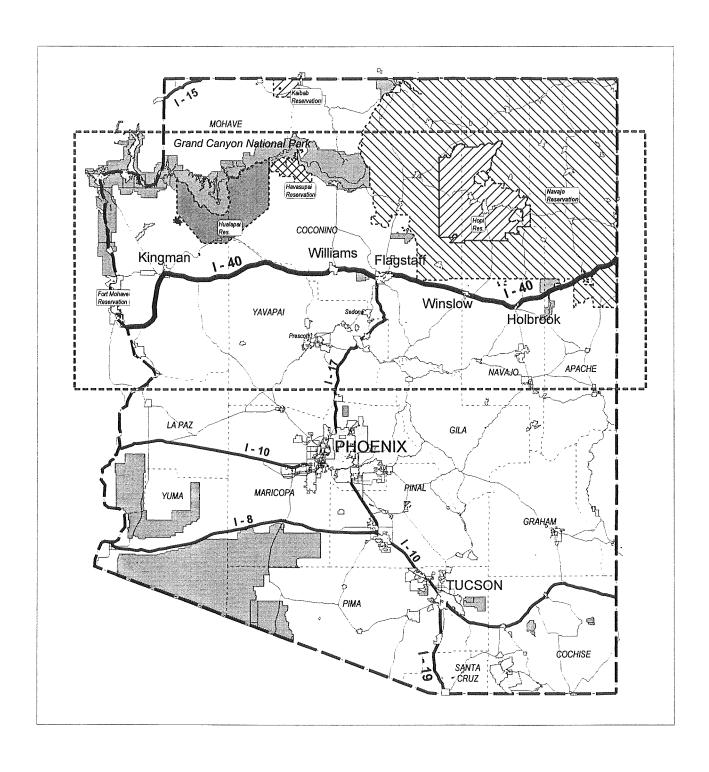


Figure 1.2.0-2 I-40 Corridor in Arizona

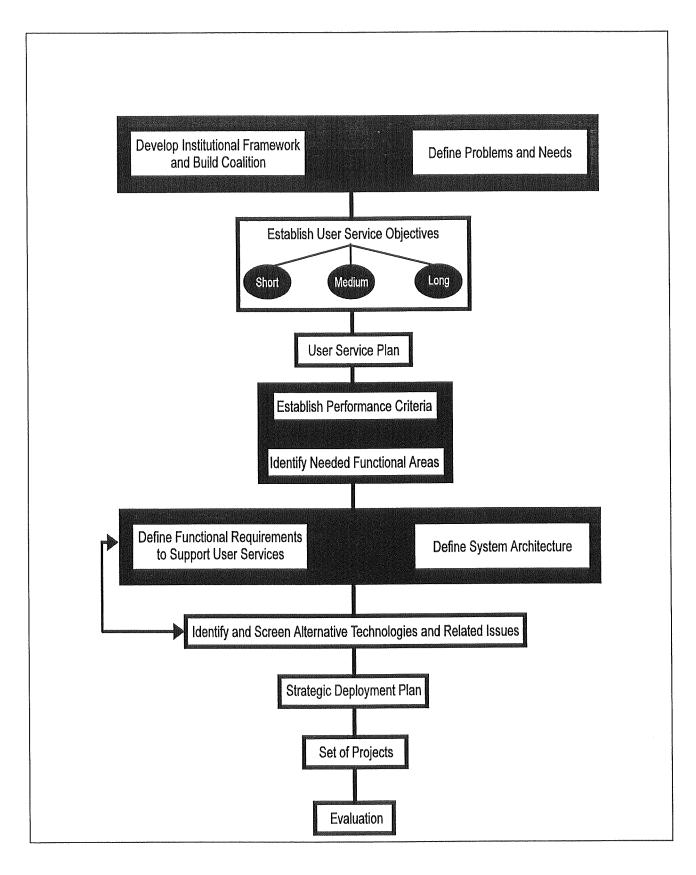


Figure 1.2.0-3 National ITS Planning Process

Major local governmental units in the I-40 corridor are shown in **Table 1.2.0-1**. Cities, towns, and Indian Reservations are listed separately within the counties in which they are located.

Table 1.2.0-1
Local Governments, Population, and Other Corridor Characteristics

County/	Population	Approx.	ADOT	Approx. Coverage along I-40	
City/	(1990 US	Elevation	Engineering	In rural (In towns)	
Indian Reservation	Census)	Range	District	areas:	
		(meters) **		(kilometers)	
Mojave Co.	93,497	182- 1220	Kingman	150	
Kingman	12,722			(11)	
Bullhead City	21,951				
Fort Mojave Reservation	997*				
Hulupai Reservation	1,979*				
Yavapai Co.	107,714	1220-1820	Flagstaff	85	
Coconino Co.	96,591	1530-2240	Flagstaff	160	
Wiliams	2,461			(11)	
Flagstaff	45,857			(21)	
Hulupai Reservation	350 (est.)			·	
Havasupai Reservation	634*				
Hopi Reservation	9,137*				
Navajo Reservation	175,000*				
Navajo Co.	77,658	1470-1690	Holbrook	97	
Winslow	8,190			(11)	
Holbrook	4,686			(6)	
Hopi Reservation					
Navajo Reservation				40	
Apache Co.	61,591	1690-1880	Holbrook	85	
•		182-2240		580 (61)	

^{*}Total number of enrolled tribe members. Current numbers for Fort Mojave and Navajo Reservations not available. Source: 1995-1996 Tribal Directory of the 21 Federally Recognized Indian Tribes of Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs.

1.3.0 PROJECT TASKS

The I-40 Strategic Plan consists of fourteen tasks which closely follow the ITS planning process outlined in the National ITS Program Plan. These tasks, with the documenting chapter numbers from the notebook of technical memoranda, are listed in **Table 1.3.0-1**, and the interrelationships of the tasks are depicted in **Figure 1.3.0-1**.

^{**}Conversion values: 1 meter = 3.28 feet, 1 kilometer = 0.62 miles

Table 1.3.0-1 Project Tasks

No.	Task	Task Objective	Chapter
1	Define Problems and Systems	To produce a comprehensive document describing the current transportation system and the needs and problems in the I-40 corridor, that may be alleviated by the application of ITS technologies.	1, 2
3	Identify Audience/Stakeholders	To identify people and organizations interested in ITS solutions for the transportation problems and needs of the I-40 corridor.	3
4	Establish Institutional Framework, Build Coalition, and Inform Stakeholders	To form an I-40 Coalition which will be an expansion of the Project Steering Committee to include other interested stakeholders and representatives from California and New Mexico. This Coalition will be kept up-to-date on all activities of the project through the I-40 Coalition Newsletter.	4
5	Identify User Services	To determine from the users of the I-40 corridor which of the 30 ITS user services are needed and when they should be provided: short-, medium- or long-term.	5
6	Establish User Service Objectives and Performance Criteria	To formulate the objectives to be achieved by implementing identified user services and to specify the criteria that measure the degree of success (performance) of the user services when they are deployed.	6
7	Development of an Integrated User Service Plan	To group the needed user services into program categories, establish the interactions among the needed user services, and to categorize the user services as having short-, medium-, or long term potential for implementation.	7
8	Identify Needed Functional Areas	To match the needed user services with the appropriate functional areas as defined in the National ITS Program Plan and to further define the technologies available to support the user service plan.	8
9	Define the System Architecture	To develop a system architecture meeting the needs and providing the required ITS services that is affordable, open (to the extent possible), technology independent, compliant with ADOT's Statewide Communications Plan, and consistent with the National ITS Architecture.	9

No.	Task	Task Objective	Chapter
10	Identify and Screen System Components	To provide a physical architecture with recommended technologies based on optimization of system availability, supportability, expandability, compatibility (with existing infrastructure and standards), affordability, and implementable in phases in accordance with the ITS User Services Plan (Task 7).	10
11	Define Implementation and Operational Strategies	To define operations and maintenance issues addressed; to identify funding options including public/private partnership opportunities; to assess the benefits and costs; and to determine a phased implementation plan.	11
12	Strategic Deployment Plan	To prepare a business plan and a deployment plan of the ITS elements identified to provide the needed user services on I-40. This plan will include project descriptions, estimates for deployment, funding sources, and scheduling information.	12
13	Evaluation Plan	To develop a plan for evaluating the effectiveness of ITS technologies deployed along the I-40 corridor.	13
14	Final Report	To deliver a final, stand-alone document that summarizes the entire project and presents the pertinent conclusions of the study.	

The flow of tasks and subtasks that was developed for this study followed the diagram shown in **Figure 1.3.0-1.**

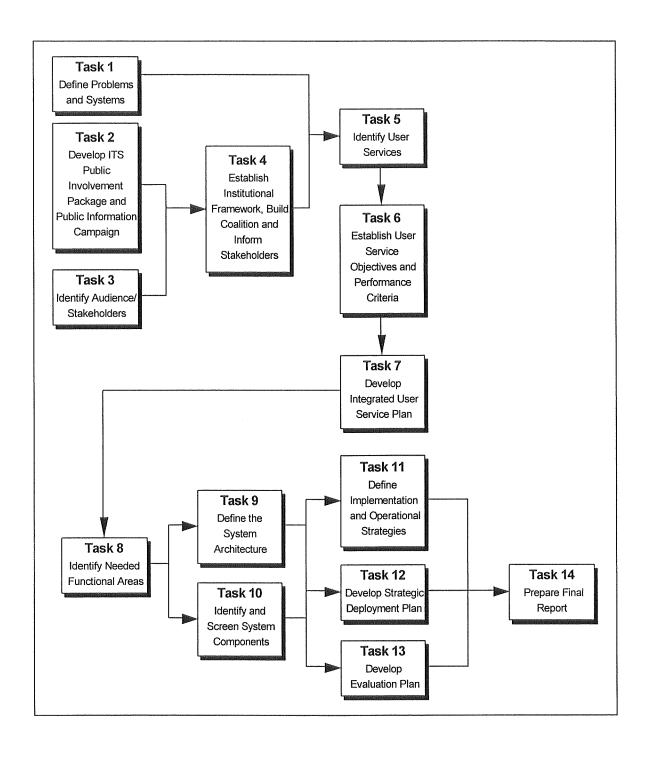


Figure 1.3.0-1 Project Task Flow Diagram

2.0 TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS IN THE I-40 CORRIDOR

Chapter 2 of this report gives an overview of the extensive data collection and inventory effort associated with Task 1 of the *Strategic Plan for Early Deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems on Interstate 40 Corridor*. In this task, a substantial amount of information was compiled regarding corridor conditions, existing facilities, and travel and communication needs of travelers using the I-40 corridor in northern Arizona. Specific needs, opportunities for ITS deployment, and constraints that have been investigated, discussed, and documented, include:

- Weather conditions in the high elevations in the vicinity of Flagstaff.
- Tourists' need for traveler information on nearby services, attractions, and road conditions.
- Plans for expanding the road weather information systems (RWIS) coverage.
- Plans for installing variable message signs (VMS) at strategic locations.
- Consideration of video monitoring of key locations.
- Port-of-entry (POE) bypass capability for trucks with proper credentials.
- Foggy areas.
- High wind areas.
- Road segments susceptible to icing.

Interstate 40 stretches some 580 km across northern Arizona from the Arizona/California border at Topock to the Arizona/New Mexico border at Lupton. The Interstate serves as a major commercial trucking route which stays open during winter periods considerably longer than any other east-west trucking route in the state, and as such, carries 35-40 percent trucks. The terrain of I-40 ranges in elevation from over 152 m to approximately 2,225 m, which presents unique temperature and weather issues, particularly during the winter months.

With the Grand Canyon National Park, Painted Desert National Park, a number of national monuments, state and county parks, as well as many other attractions in the vicinity of I-40, there is considerable tourist traffic in the area. The Hopi, Navajo, and Fort Mojave Indian tribes also adjoin the I-40 corridor. All these scenic, recreational, and cultural assets combined together present a unique opportunity for solving transportation needs with ITS technologies. The data collecting effort of this task has resulted in a compilation of corridor issues and concerns as highlighted in this chapter. The following sections describe the findings relative to the existing and planned transportation and communications infrastructure in the corridor.

2.1.0 INVENTORY

The inventory of the deployed or planned ITS-related technology indicates that I-40 currently operates the following ITS-related facilities:

- Seven Strategic Highway Research Programs, combined weigh-in-motion (WIM), and automatic vehicle classification (AVC) stations.
- An additional four automated traffic recorder (ATR) count stations.
- Seven RWIS.
- Two ports-of-entry.

No permanent VMS or surveillance equipment are currently in place on I-40. Six VMS sites and a like number of RWIS sites are currently in the design stage, to be located on I-40 and I-17 just south of Flagstaff. **Figure 2.1.0-1** summarizes the locations of ITS-related technology installations on I-40.

2.2.0 TRAVELER FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Traveler services on I-40 are limited to rest areas, truck stops and the Painted Cliffs Welcome Center near the Arizona/New Mexico border. While truck stops abound, the number of open rest areas is diminishing. The majority of I-40 users and stakeholders interviewed agreed that there was considerable room for improvement in the area of traveler services within the corridor. Of the 41 truck stops listed in Arizona business directories, 17 are located along I-40. The services offered by the truck stops vary from gas and food to full service hotels. The truck stops, and a few major gas/retail outlets along I-40, represent a scarce resource for visitors to obtain travel information about tourist attractions or word-of-mouth travel information.

There are four rest areas on I-40, most equipped with restrooms, telephones, and vending machines. One of the rest areas is currently permanently closed, while one other will re-open after the drought season. From discussions with I-40 users and stakeholders, it was evident that there is a need not to reduce the number of open rest areas on I-40 but to build more. Since the State budget does not include capital improvements for rest stops on I-40 as a priority item, ADOT is considering privatizing rest area operation to address this need.

Weather and incident/detour information is available en-route only via a network of CB radios, used primarily by truck operators or from local radio broadcasts. Available sources of pre-trip information for corridor travel include Internet pages (Grand Canyon, Flagstaff, Kingman, Williams, Holbrook) and information kiosks (which previously existed, fell into disuse, but are currently planned again in Flagstaff). At the Meteor Crater rest stop at MP 235, there is a National Weather Service "dial-up" weather report available on a speaker at the restroom facilities. There are currently no traveler information kiosks in operation, and no comprehensive radio-based travel information service offered along the corridor. Extreme changes in elevations and weather conditions, coupled with limited availability of alternate routes, rest stops or pull-out areas make deployment of traveler information technologies, such as advance warning systems, very desirable for the I-40 corridor.

With the Grand Canyon heading up the list of tourist attractions in the corridor, there is a vast amount of information on a large number of interesting or historical sites that could be communicated to tourists. The I-40 corridor provides access to over 20 major national and state parks and other attractions. Perhaps an equal number of city and county parks are also reasonably accessible along the corridor. A number of locally-managed recreation areas provide a rich mix in visitor attractions, particularly for all types of outdoor recreation.

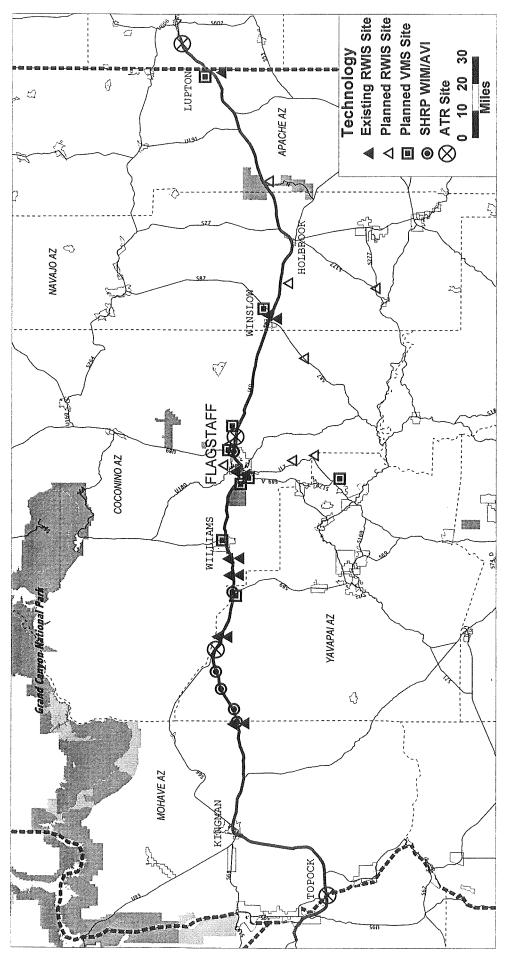


Figure 2.1.0-1 I-40 ITS Technology Summary

The need to communicate to tourists information on local attractions, lodging, restaurants, and other services is well understood among the corridor stakeholder agencies. As visitors approach Flagstaff, more comprehensive information on the various services/attractions available at specific highway exits would be of considerable value. Currently, travelers on I-40 have access to a very limited set of information sources.

Less attention has been placed to date on handling safety issues, emergency response, and incident management, at least with ITS applications; therefore, perhaps the greatest unmet opportunity exists in developing a strong incident management component for the I-40 corridor. On the other hand, a strong case could be made for placing more emphasis on the areas that have already seen some successful deployments, such as CVO and traveler information. In reality, much remains to be done in all of these areas.

3.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Chapter 3 of this report describes the methodology and activities of Task 2 of the *Strategic Plan* for Early Deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems on Interstate 40 Corridor. This Public Involvement and Public Information package was developed with a focus on rural applications of ITS and their impact on the I-40 corridor communities, businesses, and travelers. The campaign was designed to inform, educate and encourage participation and gain consensus of the I-40 users, stakeholders and media. The communication of this project and ITS objectives was programmed to occur through a proactive communication program, community outreach, informative presentations and public events.

3.1.0 MEDIA COMPONENTS

Communication vehicles such as media kits, educational collateral pieces, a video, web page, a dedicated 1-800 telephone hotline, and a quarterly newsletter were used to educate, promote awareness, and gain public consensus on the application of ITS to meet various needs of the I-40 users. Through Focus Groups, an 800 access telephone line, the Project Steering Committee, and various communication pieces, this plan aimed at building a foundation of interest,

Media Components

- Educational collateral pieces
- Video
- Web page
- Dedicated 1-800 telephone hotline
- Ouarterly newsletter

involvement and participation in the deployment of ITS in the corridor.

Each community along I-40 has differing needs relative to ITS, and offers different media coverage and public event/presentation opportunities. It was the objective of the proactive plan to be flexible and responsive to the needs of each community.

3.1.1 Stakeholder and Media List

The proposed list of stakeholders and key media along the I-40 corridor, as well as the more populated areas, was an evolving list reflecting updates and additions of newly identified individuals with an interest in ITS and its applications for the corridor.

The stakeholder list included representatives from the following groups:

- Media.
- Large employers.
- Government and local service agencies.
- Community services.
- Trucking/busing firms.

This list was compiled considering those firms and agencies with an interest and potential impact on this study and through the initial stakeholder list provided by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. All stakeholders were provided with the established 800 hotline number to allow for easy contact and to gather input.

3.2.0 COLLATERAL MATERIALS

Collateral materials were produced, explaining the scope of the project while educating and informing the intended audience(s) about ITS, their purpose and objectives. The focus included rural applications of ITS. The following pieces of collateral material were planned, compiled and prepared during Task 1:

- News Releases: News releases were issued to statewide media organizations via broadcast fax to inform the public about ITS applications, and encourage interest and attendance at public workshops. In addition, local radio broadcast stations conducted interviews with coalition members publicizing the study.
- **Press Kits:** A press kit containing a fact sheet, news release, and video footage (as necessary) was provided to all media to support the I-40 findings.
- ITS Video: The video introduced the news media and the public to ITS and its applications in Arizona. This introductory video was also shown at special events to introduce the public to ITS technologies and programs.

3.3.0 PUBLIC/PRIVATE EVENTS

A schedule was developed for all stakeholder meetings, public meetings, presentations to businesses and service clubs, and other events and venues. Presentations to service clubs were arranged concurrently with Project Steering Committee meetings. The general public was notified through the media via press releases to local newspapers.

A review of area events was conducted. It was important to review each event carefully to determine its value to achieving project goals. Most calendars of events were developed quarterly in an effort to capture all local events; therefore, the available calendars did not necessarily reflect the true local event opportunities. The following venues were selected:

- Flagstaff Coconino County Fair, August 30 September 1, 1996.
- Kingman Mohave County Fair, September 19-22, 1996.
- Holbrook.

3.4.0 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS

Quarterly newsletters were produced to update stakeholders and the public on the ITS study on I-40. The newsletters introduced readers to ITS and to the potential applications of ITS technologies to address various needs along the corridor. The newsletter distribution was structured quarterly to enable time between issues to gather pertinent project information and conduct research for additional informative material to include. The first newsletter was prepared after the conclusion of the "initial phase" to report objectives, progress, and to provide for the timely notification of scheduled public meetings. Thereafter, the newsletters were distributed quarterly and contained valuable information about the study's progress, informative articles on ITS, and reminders of upcoming project meetings.

3.5.0 MEDIA RELATIONS

Media relations were conducted to build working relationships with statewide media organizations, educate them about ITS and inform them about the rural applications of ITS along the I-40 Corridor. The media was introduced to ITS through a fact sheet and video providing background information about the areas that were included in ITS. ADOT's Community Relations Office (ADOTCRO) served as the direct link to the media for inquiries, and promoted ITS issues for coverage by the media. ADOTCRO received input from the PSC and TAC on the progress of the I-40 study and updated information to pass on to the media.

Media (newspaper, radio and TV) were initially contacted to determine which reporters cover the transportation beat. An initial introduction to the project was provided on the telephone. A media kit was developed which included the following:

- Project fact sheet.
- Press release.
- Black and white photographs of I-40 issues.
- Video tape describing the project (TV stations only).
- Schedule of public group meetings.
- Public service announcements of specific project concerns.

3.6.0 INTERNET WEB PAGE

An Internet web page was jointly prepared as part of ADOT's existing Trailmaster Web Page and specifically under http://www.azfms.com in the existing ITS Research and Development area of: http://www.azfms.com/About/ITSRD/its_r&d.html under item titled http://www.azfms.com/About/ITSRD/i-40_edp.html. An icon illustrating Rural ITS was used to generate interest in this page outside of Arizona.

The following information was included as part of the I-40 project web page:

- An update on the study's progress (updated monthly).
- Current press release(s).
- Newsletter text;
- Contact telephone number and E-mail address.
- Project hotline (1-800 number).
- Schedule of public meetings.

Updates will continue to be provided as new information becomes printed and available, and this information will be included in the web page. The objective of using this form of media was to provide information to a broader range of the public, both in and outside of Arizona, about the I-40 study and its progress. Another objective for using the Internet was to provide for an additional communication link to receive information from the public in and around I-40, throughout Arizona, and anyone who wanted to respond.

4.0 CORRIDOR STAKEHOLDERS AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

This chapter presents a summary of the activities of Task 3, *Identify*Audience/Stakeholders, and Task 4, *Establish*Institutional Framework, Build Coalition, and Inform Stakeholders.

The purpose of Task 3 was to identify the people, organizations, and agencies with a vested interest in finding solutions to the transportation needs along the I-40 corridor. The key to the long-term success of deploying ITS on the I-40 corridor is to have a strong coalition of people who are promoting the

	I-40 Coalition Groups					
	Group	Membership				
<u> </u>	All of I-40 stakeholders identified	350				
	Project Steering Committee	106				
	Technical Advisory Committee	14				

projects identified in this study. The objective of Task 3 was to create a database of individuals and organizations interested in ITS solutions for the transportation needs of the I-40 corridor.

Task 4 called for developing an I-40 Coalition which would expand of the Project Steering Committee to include other interested stakeholders and representatives from California and New Mexico. This Coalition would be kept up-to-date on all activities of the project through the Project Newsletter.

4.1.0 TARGET AUDIENCE/STAKEHOLDERS

In addition to key users of the corridor, Task 3's focus included identifying potential public and private partners and keeping them informed of the project's progress and opportunities.

The following individuals and organizations were contacted to solicit interest and support for the study:

- Mayors and council persons of cities along the corridor.
- County supervisors along the corridor.
- Key city staff (i.e. city engineers, public works directors, transportation directors, etc.).
- Tribal leaders.
- Major employers in the corridor.
- Representatives of AAA, ATA, UPS, U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express, bus companies, tour companies, etc., that are regular users of the corridor.
- Representatives of the Department of Public Safety and their counterparts in California and New Mexico.
- Representatives of Departments of Transportation in Arizona, New Mexico, and California.
- Radio and television stations covering the corridor.
- Railroad representatives.
- Representatives of the Arizona Office of Tourism, both at the local and state levels.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- National Parks and Forest contacts.
- Representatives of major private and public tourist attractions in the corridor area.

The efforts of Task 3 resulted in a database of I-40 stakeholders, which continued to change and grow throughout the project, and included over 350 records as of early 1997.

4.2.0 I-40 COALITION

The first step in developing the I-40 Coalition was the formation of the Project Steering Committee (PSC). The members of the PSC, which includes ADOT's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), were identified from the I-40 stakeholder database developed in Task 3. This list of potential members of the PSC was then reviewed by the TAC and invitations to the first PSC meeting were sent to approximately 55 stakeholders. The PSC subsequently grew to include over 100 members. A complete listing of PSC membership is included in **Table 4.2.0-1**.

This committee, forming the heart of the I-40 Coalition, includes representatives of city governments, counties, ADOT, DPS, FHWA, chambers of commerce, tourism agencies, the National Parks Service, Native American tribes, the National Weather Bureau, railroads, transit, Universities, and numerous other stakeholder agencies.

The I-40 Coalition provided support and guidance for this Early Deployment effort, complementing the strong project support from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Table 4.2.0-1 I-40 Project Steering Committee

Name	Title	Agency
Agah, Manny	Project Manager	ADOT Technology Group
Almarez, Ernie	Citizen	Pine Country Transit
Anderson, Carol S.	Ex-Mayor	City of Kingman
Archuleta, Ernest	Traffic Services Engineer	NMSHTD
Arhnberger, Robert	Superintendent	Grand Canyon National Park
Barbee, Charles	District Engineer	NMSHtD
Barber, David	Deputy Director, Transportation	Western AZ Council of
	Planning	Governments
Barnes, Michael L.	District Engineer	NMSHTD
Bavasi, Christopher J.	Mayor	City of Flagstaff
Bermen, Karen	Assistant	Hornovi State Ruins Park
Blanton, Tom	Transportation Specialist	ADOT Maintenance - Kingman
		District
Boles, James L.	Mayor	City of Winslow
Boren, Ervin	District Engineer	ADOT
Brisk, Debra	Acting District Engineer	ADOT
Bryant, Marshall	Citizen	Grand Canyon Railway
Burdick, Matt	Community Relations Officer	ADOT Community Relations
Buskirk, Dale	Transportation Planning	AZ Department of Transportation
Byram, Les	Mayor	City of Kingman

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Name	Title	Agency
Cahoon, Sgt. Rob	District III	DPS
Call, Kevin	Chief Financial Officer	Grand Canyon Railway
Campbell, Mike	Meteorologist In Charge	National Weather Bureau
Cavello, John	Council Member	City of Flagstaff
Chaco, Paulson	Department Director	Navajo Nation DOT
Confer, Jim	CEMMS Analyst	ADOT
Craig, Gerald	Traffic Engineer	City of Flagstaff
Cuoco, Christopher J.	Warning Coordination Meteorologist	National Weather Bureau
DeBoer, Terry	District Commander	DPS
DeModica, Cydney	Public Relation Manager	AZ Automobile Association
Dillard, Diane	Director of Product & Tourism	AZ Office of Tourism
	Development	
Dorman, Don	Flagstaff District Maintenance Engineer	ADOT Maintenance
Dredge, Jeannette	Winslow Supervisor	Department of Public Service
Fetzer, Chris	Transportation Planner	NACOG
Forsythe, Kerry	O.E.D.	Sanbag
Fowler, Marilee	Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau	City of Flagstaff
Gabaldon, Tony	Chairman, Board of Supervisors	Coconino County
Gerard, Lt. Jim	District Commander	AZ Department of Public Safety,
		District Two Patrol Bureau
Hale, Albert	President	Navajo Nation
Hansen, Alan	Transportation Engineer	FHWA
Harper, John	Regional District Traffic Engineer	ADOT
Harris, Steven P	District 3 Traffic Services	NMSHTD
Hassell, M. Jean	Deputy State Forester	AZ State Land Department
Hauser, Edd	Senior Engineer/Project Manager	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Hicks, Norm	Mayor	City of Bullhead City
Hill, Carlton	Regional Manager	MVD
Hoffman, James	Mayor	City of Williams
Holt, Pat	Supervisor (District 3)	Mohave County
Hunt, Roy W.	City Manager	City of Holbrook
Johnson, Dennis	Hwy Maint. Tech.	ADOT
Johnson, Rita	Council Member	City of Flagstaff
Joshua, Sarath	Project Manager	ADOT ATRC
Kennelley, Kevin	Owner	AZ WebView
Killian, John	ITS Coordinator, ITS Program Office	Colorado Department of
		Transportation
Kolb, Sgt. Brian	District	AZ DPS Highway Patrol
Kruse, Carol	Enterpretive Specialist	NPS
Kube, Ken	Transportation Planner	Navajo Co. Public Works
Kwail, David	Chairman	Yavapai-Apache Tribe
LaCavita, Bob	VP of Operations	Grand Canyon Railways
LaFond, David	Procurement Officer	AZ Department of Transportation

Name	Title	Agency	
Lang, Brian	Supervisor	Painted Cliffs Welcome Center,	
		AZ Office of Tourism	
Lee, Arthur N.	Chairman of the Board	Apache County	
Lere, Steve	Program Director	City of Flagstaff	
Lidell, Janice	Director of Public Affairs	NAU	
Lisiewicz, Stan	District Director	CALTRANS	
Lopez, Rick	Vice Mayor	City of Flagstaff	
Lupe, Ronnie	Chairman	White Mountain Apache Tribe	
Maki, Keith	Chief, Research Division	Nevada DOT	
McCallister, Michael	Field Engineer	BNSF	
McCauley, Frances	Highway Maintenance Supervisor	ADOT	
McDaniel, Don	Administrator	City of Winslow	
McDermott, Mark	Director	AZ Office of Tourism	
Meador, Bill	Sales & Service Manager for State	US West Communications	
	Government Accounts		
Mester, Richard	Mayor	City of Holbrook	
Miller, Joel	Maintenance Superintendent	ADOT / Maintenance	
Mirth, Dr. Richard	Associate Professor	NAU College of Engineering	
Morgan, Lawrence	Chairman	Navajo Nation Transportation and	
		Community Development	
		Committee	
Roche, John	Development Service Director	City of Winslow	
Russell, Daniel	Maintenance Superintendent	ADOT	
Scoffield, Larry A.	Director/ATRC	ADOT ATRC	
Secakuku, Ferrell H.	Chairman	The Hopi Tribe	
Sharp, Barry W.	Lead Ticket Agent	AMTRAK	
Shumway, Peter D.	Chairman of the Board	Navajo County	
Shupla, Fred	Research Assistant	The Hopi Tribe	
Smalley, Terry	Executive Vice President	AZ Motor Transport Association	
Smith, George	Branch Chief	Caltrans	
Smith, Zachary	Council Member	City of Flagstaff	
Sorensen, Lou	City Manager	City of Kingman	
Stalnaker, Jim	Highway Superintendent	Coconino County	
Straub, Richard	Director of Public Works	Yavapai County	
Swan, Jeffrey	District Engineer	ADOT	
Swanson, Rick	Council Member	City of Flagstaff	
Thompson, Ph.D., Jim	City Manager	City of Bullhead City	
Thrift, Foster	Transportation Coordinator	Yavapai County	
Tracey, Willie, Jr.	Transportation & Information Director	NDOT	
Tuck, Jim	Transportation & Information Director	Grand Canyon National Park	
Upchurch, Jonathan	Past President	ITS AZ	
Van Wagner, Marilyn	General Sales Manager	KTNN	
Vollmer, Karen	General Manager	Navajo-Hopi Tours	
Wall, Henry	Senior Vice President	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	

Name	Title	Agency
Wallen, Norm	City Staff Member	City of Flagstaff
Wang, William T.	Transportation Engineer	ADOT
Warnaca, Sharon	Tourism Specialist	Holbrook Chamber of Commerce
Wengert, Delwin T.	Engineer	Apache County
West, John	Program Manager	CALTRANS New Technology
		Research MS #83
Williams, Chuck	Engineer	Navajo County
Williams, Garry	Superintendent	BNSF Railway Company
Wolfe, Tim	Assistant State Engineer	ADOT Technology Group

The Committee's specific functions included:

- Review project progress.
- Review project deliverables, such as project technical memoranda.
- Participate in the project workshops and focus groups.
- Provide input and guidance.
- Assist in encouraging their respective community, business, and agency leaders in participation in the focus groups.

Over the course of the 12-month study, the PSC became the foundation of the I-40 ITS Coalition. Individuals, private companies, and government agencies at all levels showed an interest in the successful deployment of ITS solutions on the I-40 corridor.

4.3.0 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The TAC is comprised of 14 representatives from ADOT and the FHWA (sponsoring agencies for this project), and the PSC Chairman. The role of this Committee was to guide the project efforts, participate in periodic TAC and PSC meetings to review project progress, and to review draft and final project reports and other project materials. The TAC was also responsible for helping to solicit input and participation from the local corridor communities. In a word, the TAC's role was that of state coordinators and local ITS champions. The members of the TAC are listed in **Table 4.3.0-1** below.

Table 4.3.0-1
Technical Advisory Committee Members

Name	Title	Agency
Agah, Manny	Project Manager	ADOT /Technology Group
Blanton, Tom	Transportation Specialist	ADOT/ Kingman (Retired)
Boren, Ervin	District Engineer	ADOT/Flagstaff
Brisk, Debra	Acting District Engineer	ADOT/Kingman
Burdick, Matt	Community Relations Officer	ADOT/Phoenix
Buskirk, Dale	Transportation Planning	ADOT/Phoenix

Name	Title	Agency	
Dorman, Don	District Maintenance Engineer	ADOT/Flagstaff	
Hansen, Alan	Transportation Engineer	FHWA/Phoenix	
Harper, John	Regional District Traffic	ADOT/Flagstaff	
Joshua, Sarath	Project Manager	ADOT/ATRC	
McCallister, Michael	PSC Chairman	BNSF Railway Co./Flagstaff	
Swan, Jeffrey	District Engineer	ADOT/Holbrook	
Wang, William	Transportation Engineer	ADOT/Kingman	
Wolfe, Tim	Assistant State Engineer	ADOT/Technology Group	

5.0 USER SERVICES

The basic premise for ITS early deployment projects is to first identify the transportation problems and needs and then to identify technologies that can be used to address these needs. The purpose of Task 5, *Identify User Services*, was to determine, based on the I-40 user input, which of the 30 ITS user services are needed and when they should be provided (i.e., in the short-, medium-, or long-term time frames).

5.1.0 NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

Information from users on the problems, concerns and other issues in the I-40 corridor was assembled from the following sources:

- Mailed survey forms.
- Focus group meetings.
- Personal interviews at truck stops.
- Telephone interviews.
- Other sources (including a World Wide Web survey form).

5.1.1 Mail Surveys

Corridor problems/issues identification survey forms were mailed to approximately 200 stakeholders which were identified in Task 3 of this Early Deployment Plan.

The following illustrates some of the key findings of the mailed survey:

- What do you see as the biggest transportation problems in the corridor? Where (by milepost, if possible)? A number of respondents indicated generally poor weather conditions in their responses to this question. Snow and wind were identified as part of the weather-related problems.
- Are you aware of any regularly occurring weather-related problems (e.g., high winds, fog, snow or iced bridges)? Seventy-five percent of the responses were "yes" to this question.
- Are you aware of other safety problems in the corridor/roadway? Over 60 percent of the respondents indicated wildlife crossings in their response to this question. Livestock (2) and rock slides (2) were the second most common response to this question.
- Are there problems at tourist attractions? Over 40 percent of those who replied to this question answered "yes". Is there a need for additional information for tourists within the corridor? Sixty seven percent of respondents who addressed this question replied "yes".
- Is there a need for additional information for tourists within the corridor? Sixty-seven percent of respondents who addressed this question replied "yes".

Do conflicts between truck and automobile traffic in the corridor cause significant problems? Sixty percent of those who answered this question replied "yes".

5.1.2 Focus Group Meetings

Focus group meetings were held at each of the following locations in order to obtain user input on I-40 needs:

- Kingman (June 17, 1996), City Hall.
- Williams (June 18), Ramada Inn.
- Flagstaff (June 19), Days Inn.
- Holbrook (June 20), Firehouse.

Each focus group meeting included a video on ITS, a discussion of the project, demonstrations of other ITS projects, a summary of preliminary survey results, and a brainstorming session for identifying corridor problems and concerns.

In general, the issues discussed included: safety and environmental conditions; roadway geometry and pavement features; prevailing vehicle types traveling the corridor and the associated concerns, traffic volumes and speed; tourism considerations; communication and coordination issues; driver behavior; and other considerations.

5.1.3 Personal Interviews at Truck Stops

Personal interviews were conducted at four truck stops along the I-40 corridor, including stops in Winslow, (June 19-20, 1996), near Flagstaff, (June 19-20), Belmont, and Ash Fork, (both on June 20). Participants were given an ITS-America publication *Imagine* *Tomorrow's Travel Today*. Fifty truck operators agreed to participate, including thirty-one at Winslow, three at Little America, ten at Belmont, and six at Ash Fork.

Among the key findings of the truck stop survey responses were:

- What specific weather conditions affect your driving performance and safety? Where? Thirty-seven (74%) of the respondents indicated snow, ice or both in their response to this question.
- Do you experience congestion on I-40? Thirty-two (64 %) of the respondents indicated that they did not experience congestion on I-40.
- Do you use a cellular phone, CB, laptop, telephones, radio and/or signage? The participants responded as follows:

Cellular phone: (four)	8%
CB: (forty-seven)	94%
Laptop: (four)	8%
Telephones: (seven)	7%
Radio: (thirty)	60%
Signage: (twenty-three)	46%

■ Do you have any conflicts with other types of vehicles? Twenty-three (46%) of the respondents replied "no" to this question.

Personal interviews were also to be conducted at two rest areas along I-40. Attempts were made to conduct interviews at these locations, but the motorists in these areas were found to be unable or unwilling to respond to the interviewer. Given the relative isolation of these facilities, no additional efforts were made to conduct personal interviews at highway rest areas within the time-frame of this submittal. It is assumed that the fifty interviews conducted at the four truck stops, together with the corridor issues identified through focus groups, mail survey and telephone interviews, adequately identify the problems and concerns perceived by the I-40 corridor users.

5.1.4 Telephone Interviews

The mailed survey was followed up with telephone calls to a number of survey recipients who did not provide a response within the suggested time. Approximately 20 additional surveys were collected through this effort. These telephone survey responses were combined with the mailed survey results (same format was used for both surveys).

5.1.5 Other Data Sources

A survey form, identical to the form used in the mail survey, was placed on the World Wide Web at http://www.pcslink.com/khaphx/intervi1.htm, which was linked to www.azfms.com/About/ITSRD/i-40_edp.html to provide an additional opportunity for concerned citizens and/or stakeholders to provide input to the identification of I-40 needs. A very limited response was received to this electronic survey, due most likely to the limited publicity that the web site received and the resulting lack of awareness of the survey page among the public.

5.2.0 ITS USER SERVICES

The next step in this task focused on identifying appropriate user services based on the previously identified corridor needs. The following paragraphs provide a brief description of each of the 30 user services defined in the National ITS Program Plan:

Travel and Transportation Management

En-Route Driver Information. *Provides driver advisories and in-vehicle signing for directions and safety.*

Route Guidance. Provides travelers with simple instructions on how to best reach their destinations.

Traveler Services Information. Provides a business directory, or "yellow pages," of service information.

Traffic Control. Manages the movement of traffic on streets and highways.

Incident Management. Helps public and private organizations quickly identify incidents and implement a response to minimize their effects on traffic.

Emissions Testing and Mitigation. *Provides information for monitoring air quality and developing air quality improvement strategies.*

Travel Demand Management

Pre-Trip Travel Information. Provides information for selecting the best transportation mode, departure time, and route.

Ride Matching and Reservation. Makes ride sharing easier and more convenient.

Demand Management and Operations. Supports policies and regulations designed to mitigate the environmental and social impacts of traffic congestion.

Public Transportation Operations

Public Transportation Management. Automates operations, planning, and management functions of public transit systems.

En-Route Transit Information. Provides information to travelers using public transportation after they begin their trips.

Personalized Public Transit. Provides transit vehicles on flexible routes to offer more convenient customer service.

Public Travel Security. Creates a secure environment for public transportation patrons and operators.

Electronic Payment

Electronic Payment Services. Allows travelers to pay for transportation services electronically.

Commercial Vehicle Operations

Commercial Vehicle Electronic Clearance. Facilitates domestic and international border clearance by minimizing stops.

Automated Roadside Safety Inspection. Facilitates roadside inspections.

On-Board Safety Monitoring. Senses the safety status of a commercial vehicle, cargo, and driver.

Commercial Vehicle Administrative Processes. *Provides electronic purchasing of credentials, and automated mileage on fuel reporting, and auditing.*

Hazardous Material Incident Response. *Provides immediate description of hazardous materials to emergency responders*.

Commercial Fleet Management. Provides communication among drivers, dispatchers, and intermodal transportation providers.

Emergency Management

Emergency Notification and Personal Security. *Provides immediate notification of an incident and immediate request for assistance.*

Emergency Vehicle Management. Reduces incident response time for emergency vehicles.

Advanced Vehicle Control and Safety Systems

Longitudinal Collision Avoidance. Helps prevent head-on, rear-end or backing collisions between vehicles, or between vehicles and other objects or pedestrians.

Lateral Collision Avoidance. Helps prevent collisions when vehicles leave their lane of travel.

Intersection Collision Avoidance. Helps prevent collisions at intersections.

Vision Enhancement for Crash Avoidance. *Improves the driver's ability to see the roadway and objects that are on or along the roadway.*

Safety Readiness. Provides warnings about the condition of the driver, the vehicle, and the roadway.

Pre-Crash Restraint Deployment. Anticipates an imminent collision and activates passenger safety systems before the collision occurs, or much earlier in the crash event than is currently feasible.

Automated Highway Systems. Provides a fully automated, "hands-off" operating environment.

Rail-Highway Intersection. Provides improvement to automated crossing control systems.

5.3.0 ASSIGNMENT OF USER SERVICES TO IDENTIFIED NEEDS

A five-step process was used to refine the original statements of problems and concerns and to identify appropriate user services for I-40. **Figure 5.3.0-1** illustrates this process in a graphical format. **Table 5.3.0-1** is a matrix that summarizes the matching of need statements to user services.

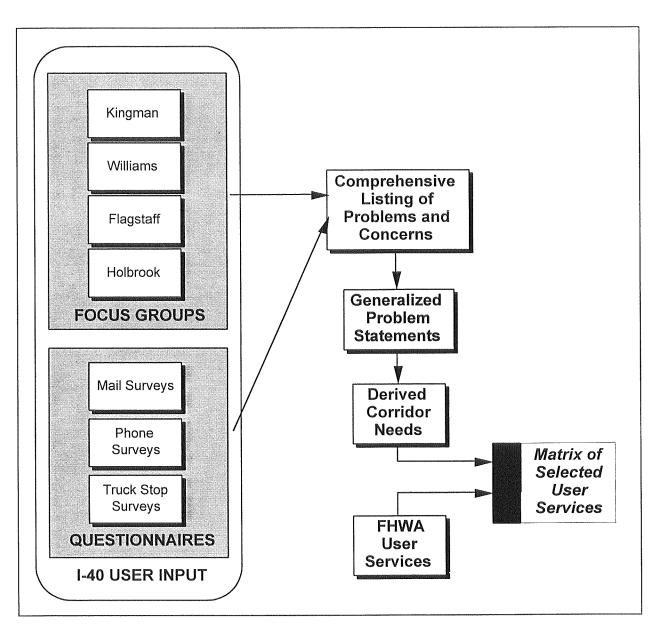


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5.4.0 EXISTING TRANSPORTATION-RELATED SERVICES

5.4.1 Inventory

An inventory of existing transportation-related facilities serving I-40 was assembled as part of Task 1 of this Early Deployment Plan. Review of this information, together with data provided by ADOT and other sources, indicates that the following key transportation-related facilities exist on I-40:

Traveler and Tourist Facilities

- Seven highway rest areas (three eastbound and four westbound).
- One tourist Welcome Center in Lupton (at the Arizona-New Mexico border).
- A series of tourist information kiosks in the Flagstaff area (referred to as Infoguide).

Commercial Vehicle Operations

- Ports of Entry at the California and New Mexico borders.
- Seven WIM/AVI devices.
- Truck stops.

Weather and Emergency Management Facilities

- Seven RWIS snow and ice detection system sites/weather stations.
- DPS weather information telephone line.
- HAR.
- Portable VMS.

Inter-agency Communication/Coordination

- Telephone.
- Fax.
- Internet (increasing use nationwide, but not found to be widely used by users of the I-40 corridor).

5.4.2 Evaluation of Existing Facilities

User assessments of the existing transportation-related infrastructure, collected during the May 21, 1996 Project Steering Committee meeting and subsequent focus group meetings, are summarized below:

Traveler and Tourist Facilities

- Inadequate signage can make it difficult to find the visitor centers.
- Tourists have no place to get information after closing hours of the visitor centers.
- The visitor centers often do not have the latest traveler information available (roadway closures, accidents ahead, etc.).

Commercial Vehicle Operations

- Truck stops are limited at some locations in corridor.
- Truck stops increase local congestion at some installations (e.g. Kingman).
- POE facilities are outdated.

Weather and Emergency Management Facilities

- Spotty cellular coverage within some parts of the corridor.
- DPS weather information telephone line frequently overloaded.
- Emergency response on Reservation may be constrained by lack of mileposts.

Inter-agency Communication/Coordination

■ Limited coordination/data-sharing opportunities

In addition to these specifically-cited concerns, some further issues might exist, such as:

- ITS education and training, particularly in forming partnerships for deployment.
- Increased personnel to operate and maintain ITS infrastructure.
- Political support, particularly at the local level, for ITS funding.
- Overall strategy to develop major project funding sources and user-based funding.

5.4.3 Identification of User Service Deployment Time-Frames

The National ITS Program anticipated deployment of ITS based upon the following schedule:

Term	Time-Frame	Envisioned ITS Deployment
Short	1997-1999	Travel Information/Fleet Management
Medium	2000-2005	Transportation Management
Long	2010	Enhanced Vehicles

The National ITS Program defines the beginning of the short-term time frame (1997) to coincide with the reauthorization of ISTEA. Considering the typical planning, design, and implementation schedules of transportation projects, the short-term encompasses a relatively brief time frame (three years). This schedule reflects the desire by FHWA to implement, as quickly as possible, visible and effective ITS projects that will stimulate public support for the funding levels required to implement the future medium- and long-term deployment programs. **Table 5.4.3-1** summarizes deployment time-frames for all user services selected for I-40 needs.

Table 5.4.3-1 Number of Identified Needs Met by Projected Staging of ITS User Services

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6.0 PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The purpose of Task 6, Establish User Service Objectives and Performance Criteria, is to state the objectives to be achieved by implementing the user services identified in Task 5 of the I-40 Early Deployment Plan, and to specify the criteria to be used to measure the degree of success (performance) of the user services when they are deployed.

A number of alternative indicators of effectiveness, referred to as performance measures, are available to assess the degree to which the selected user services achieve each specific goal. Performance measures can be grouped into quantitative or qualitative categories and consist of a wide range of transportation-related, environmental and other indices. The following paragraphs summarize the identification and assessment of alternative performance criteria.

6.1.0 CANDIDATE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Candidate performance measures were identified based on a review of several sources, including:

- USDOT's National Program Plan for ITS.
- USDOT's Advanced Public Transportation Systems: Evaluation Guidelines.
- ITS Architecture reports.
- ITS America *Proceedings*.
- Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Technical Memorandum 5: User Services/Options Study.
- Professional literature search.
- Evaluation of specific objectives in the I-40 corridor.

System Objectives

- Improve Safety
- Provide timely emergency services
- Disseminate and share information to travelers
- Provide efficient flow of traffic
- Ensure conformance with laws
- Ensure that agencies and offices cooperate efficiently

A total of 81 performance measures were assembled during the research effort for this task. Although a number of the measures were found to be more oriented toward urban conditions, many others were found to be applicable to the typically rural character of I-40. Table 6.1.0-1 illustrates the grouping of candidate performance measures into system objective categories.

Table 6.1.0-1
Summary of Candidate Performance Measures

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Table 6.1.0-1
Summary of Candidate Performance Measures

		C	bje	ctive	s	
	A. Improve Safety	B. Provide Timely Emergency Services	C. Disseminate and Share Information to Travelers	D. Provide Efficient Flow of Traffic	E. Ensure Conformance with Laws	F. Ensure that agencies and offices cooperate effectively
Quality of travel due to the improved incident mitigation			***************************************	Х		
Rear-end collisions	Х					
Sales of in-vehicle navigation equipment			Х			
Schedule information accuracy			Х			
Service reliability						X
Staff utilization						X
Support other transportation management						Х
Tow truck service calls		Х		Х		
Traffic data quality			Χ			
Transit operating costs				Х		
Transit ridership				Х		
Transit travel time				Х		
Travel cost				Χ		
Travel speed				Χ		
Travel time				Χ		
Truck/fixed object collisions	Х					
Vehicle density per lane				Χ		
Weather station coverage	Х		Χ			
Wireless communications coverage			Х			

6.2.0 ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

In order to establish ITS performance measures, it is necessary to evaluate the relative advantages and disadvantages of the 81 candidate criteria. Each candidate performance measure identified in the preceding subsection was evaluated based on the following considerations:

- Ability to describe system performance in a meaningful way and to identify system deficiencies.
- Measurability.
- Ease of data collection.
- General use or understanding of the measure among transportation professionals.
- Sensitivity of the measure to system expansion or enhancement.
- Applicability to corridor-level assessment.
- Ease of computation/estimate.

Each performance measure was evaluated against each of the above considerations and rated as "poor", "moderate" or "good." These ratings were assigned corresponding numeric values, such that poor =1, moderate = 2, and good = 3. Each candidate performance measure, then, has a theoretical maximum score of 21. Using this approach, candidate performance measures ranged from a value of 9 to 19.

6.3.0 RECOMMENDATION OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Thirty-two performance measures, approximately 40 percent of all measures evaluated, had scores of 17 or better. These measures, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative criteria, were selected for the purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of the selected user services in implementing the specific objective of each need. **Table 6.3.0-1** summarizes these final performance measures. It should be noted that the generalized measures listed in this table are assumed to incorporate a more detailed breakdown of the information each provides. For example, the accident rate performance measure is assumed to provide accident rates for alternative roadway and environmental conditions.

Table 6.3.0-1 Summary of Performance Measures

QUALITATIVE	QUANTITATIVE
Accurate incident detection	Accident rate
Availability of traveler information	Arrival time predictability
Conformance/response to messages	Citations issued
Level of Service (LOS)	Emergency response time
Maintenance/operations requirements	Emergency service call-outs
Accurate & effective detour information delivery to affected drivers	Hazardous material spills
Interagency communication/coordination	Incident detection rate
Customer Surveys:*	Incident notification
- Understanding of ITS	Incident removal time
- Utilization of ITS	Level of SOV use/other modes
- Satisfaction with technologies	Number of accidents involving vehicles leaving the roadway
	Number of communications channels
	Number of fatal accidents
	Number of hours in which information is available
	Number of visitor centers
	Number of visitors
	Person-hours of delay
	Rear-end collisions
	Tow truck service calls
	Travel speed
	Truck/fixed object collisions
	Vehicle density per lane
	Weather station coverage
	CVO operations and impacts
	Wireless communications coverage
	Timelines and traveler data*

*Measure added later in the study

7.0 INTEGRATED USER SERVICES

7.1.0 OVERVIEW OF THE USER SERVICES PLAN

The area of emphasis for this ITS strategic planning effort is a comprehensive assessment of the immediate and long-range ITS deployment opportunities in this rural, high-use corridor. Based on the broad-based needs assessment and input from more than 100 stakeholders of this northern Arizona corridor, the documentation shown in the previous six chapters, and the review of the ITS Coalition and Project Steering Committee, the User Services Plan developed under Task 7 of this study identifies three elements that need more attention than other user service categories:

- Developing of a corridor-wide Advanced Traveler and Tourist Information System (ATIS).
- Developing an approach to incorporating ITS technologies in an Incident Management System stretching across the entire 580-km corridor, including an advanced weatherreporting system.
- Addressing CVO improvements, including information available to truckers.

7.2.0 USER SERVICE CATEGORIES

As the delineation of a national rural ITS program evolved during the course of this study, the concept of "market clusters" was raised by the team. The rural concept was patterned after the market clusters that evolved in the National Architecture effort in place of the original set of user service "bundles" that were described in earlier versions of the *National ITS Program Plan*. A comparison of the Rural Market Clusters and the urban user service groups (or "bundles") is shown in Table 7.2.0-1. The FHWA Rural Market Clusters and User Services presented in Table 7.2.0-2 are recommended as best representing the focus of ITS Early Deployment initiatives in northern Arizona. Corridor needs, grouped by Rural Market Cluster, are listed in Table 7.2.0-3.

Table 7.2.0-1
Comparison of User Service Groups and Rural Market Clusters

Urban User Service Groups (1)	Rural Market Clusters (2)							
Travel & Transportation Management	Tourism and Traveler Information Services							
Travel Demand Management	Traveler Safety and Security							
Urban Transit Systems	Public Traveler/Mobility Services							
Emergency Notification & Emergency Mgmt.	Emergency Services							
Electronic Payment Services Fleet Operations & Management								
Commercial Vehicle Operations	Commercial Vehicle Operations							
Advanced Safety & Control Systems	Infrastructure Operations & Maintenance							
Note (1): Groups of User Services are called "I Note (2): Rural Market Clusters are now referr Strategic Plan - December 1996								

The specific user services that were originally identified by FHWA and ITS-America have been carried forward. A complete description of the original 29 User Services is included in the *National ITS Program Plan*. All of the FHWA User Services are not included in the I-40 corridor Integrated User Service Plan; only those eleven User Services that are considered directly applicable to further consideration and possible deployment in this region are being included in this Plan. These User Services are incorporated in six of the seven Rural Market Clusters. The seventh market cluster, Fleet Operations and Management, is incorporated into the Corridor Architecture Plan, Chapter 12, in order to accommodate fleet operations in future years. The only reason that it is omitted in the user services plan is that no specific needs were identified in the corridor that fall under the fleet operations category, other than commercial fleets, which is a separate category.

Table 7.2.0-2
User Services Based on the Needs in the Arizona I-40 Corridor

Rural Market Clusters	Specific ITS User Services			
Traveler Safety and Security	Rail-Highway Grade Crossings Other Safety-related Services			
Tourism and Traveler Information Services	Pre-trip Travel Information En-route Driver Information Route Guidance Traveler Services Information			
Public Traveler/Mobility Services	Transit Management			
Commercial Vehicle Operations	Electronic Clearance			
Emergency Services	Emergency Notification & Personal Security Emergency Vehicle Management			
Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance	Incident Management			

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Table 7.2.0-3 Compilation of Needs by Rural Market Cluster

	Needs Grouped by Rural Market Cluster						
I.	Traveler Safety and Security (addresses the spectrum of safety issues in terms of accident prevention)						
1.1	Address safety concerns due to trucks on grades						
1.2	Implement variable speed limit signs based on weather						
1.3	Resolve conflict between livestock and vehicles						
1.4	Drivers need to identify routes on Native American lands						
1.5	Prevent accidents between vehicles and bicycles						
1.6	Prevent accidents between vehicles and pedestrians						
1.7	Provide counteractions to driver fatigue						
1.8	Improve safety at rest areas						
1.9	Automatically detect and enforce speeding in winter conditions						
1.10	Provide drivers with safe stopping distance information based on conditions (longitudinal detection)						
1.11	Warn drivers of insufficient lateral clearance						
1.12	Improve RV travel time on upgrades						
1.13	Improve safety at cloverleaf ramps						
п.	Tourism and Traveler Information Services						
2.1	Around-the-clock traveler information availability						
2.2	Avoid accidents due to tourists stopping at wrong places						
2.3	Communicate to drivers appropriate locations to stop						
2.4	Give motorists travel condition information before the trip						
2.5	Easy access to accurate travel information						
2.6	Central agency to distribute Grand Canyon N.P. visitor information						
2.7	Advance warning of congestion spots to general traffic						
2.8	Centralize and inform public where roadway condition information is available						
2.9	Reduce congestion at truck stops						
2.10	Reduce congestion on I-40						
2.11	Early warning of congestion at traffic interchanges						

Needs Grouped by Rural Market Cluster
2.12 Improve wireless communications infrastructure for travel information, emergency
services, etc. 2.13 Provide an alternative to cellular communication
2.14 Improve inter- and intra-agency communications
2.15 Increase number of communications channels
2.16 Increase cellular coverage along the I-40 corridor
2.17 Inform motorists where cellular coverage is available
2.18 Increase number of weather stations along the corridor
2.19 More advance notification of detour information
2.20 More signs appropriately placed with ability to change message content
2.21 Real time weather condition information and exchange
2.22 Provide early warning of weather conditions ahead to prevent drivers from being stranded on the road
2.23 Provide easily available, correct visitor information at public places
2.24 Provide weather and roadway condition information at truck stops
2.25 Provide yellow-pages traveler information via radio
2.26 Make drivers aware of the effects of sun glare
2.27 Reduce and warn of congestion on I-40 near Flagstaff
2.28 Advance clearance information for overpasses on detour routes
2.29 Detect and warn of spot ice or hydroplaning conditions
2.30 Automatically detect vehicles with tire chains
2.31 Early warning of severe roadway geometry
2.32 Improve congestion and parking information at interchanges
2.33a Improve notifications to drivers at Petrified Forest Welcome Center
2.33b Improve notifications to drivers at Painted Cliffs Welcome Center
2.34 Improve reliability of HAR
2.35 Provide alternative forms of tourist information to motorists
2.36 Provide route guidance to visitor information centers
2.37 Provide information on congestion status
2.38 Provide travel time information
2.39 Provide travelers with tourist services information
2.40 Detect flooding conditions and provide warning
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	Needs Grouped by Rural Market Cluster
2.41	Provide northern Arizona travel information via rental cars in Phoenix and Las Vegas
2.42	Provide a 1-900 "ENJOYAZ" infomercial line
2.43	Improve signage for tourist information
2.44	Improve delivery of visitor information to international visitors
III.	Public Traveler/Mobility Services
3.1	Separate bus traffic from commuter traffic
IV.	Commercial Vehicle Operations (addresses other specific trucking issues)
4.1	Improve efficiency of heavy vehicles on upgrades
4.2	Reduce incidents and accidents due to conflicts between trucks and RVs
4.3	Reduce long truck stops at POEs by improving POE throughput
4.4	Reduce the speed differential in the traffic stream
4.5	Eliminate heavy truck traffic from interchanges not designed to accommodate them
4.6	Provide counteractions to truck driver fatigue
V.	Emergency Services
5.1	Improve emergency management in remote areas
5.2	Improve HAZMAT notification and emergency management enforcement
VI.	Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance (addresses incident management and other functions of highway operations)
6.1	Provide a means to detect emergencies in remote areas
6.2	Reduce congestion caused by high truck volumes
6.3	Provide early warning to drivers about falling rock
6.4	Provide early warning to drivers of reduced visibility, planned burns, smoke, fog, etc.
6.5	Provide counteractions to driver fatigue
	Need to detect illegal combinations of chemicals early

8.0 FUNCTIONAL AREAS

Each of the user services identified in Chapter 7 was matched with relevant ITS functional areas as identified in the National Architecture. Functional areas are also consistent with the descriptions in the FHWA s *National ITS Program Plan*. **Table 8.0-1** presents the matching of each of these user services with functional areas that will be required for implementation.

Table 8.0-1
ITS User Services Mapped to Functional Areas

	Functional Areas							
User Services	Surveillance	Data/Voice Communic.	Traveler Interface	Control Strategies	Navigation Guidance	Data Processing	In-vehicle Sensors	
Incident Management	X	X			X	X		
En-Route Driver Information	X	X	X		Χ	X	X	
Route Guidance	X	X	X		X	X		
Pre-Trip Travel Information	X	X	X		X	X		
Traveler Services Information	X	X	X			X		
Emergency Notification & Personal Security		X	X			X	X	
Emergency Vehicle Management		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Commercial Vehicle Electronic Clearance	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Rail-Highway Grade Crossings	X	X	X	Х		X	X	
Transit Management	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Other Safety- Related Services	X	X	X		X	X	X	

Table 8.0-1 was developed from the output of previous tasks. For each functional area, the User Services identified as most applicable to the I-40 corridor have been highlighted. ITS projects addressing these services and functions should be immediately identified. Cells marked with an "X" identify potentially promising deployment opportunities, but most likely apply to more long-term deployment.

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